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THE PARK

Railsplitter State Park is along Salt Creek in Logan County on the south edge of Lincoln. The 748-acre park surrounds the Lincoln State School Annex.

The Department of Conservation acquired the land in 1970 from the Department of Mental Health. Development of the park started in 1971.

Species of trees now in the area include oak, walnut, sycamore, ash, hackberry and hickory. Native birds and wildlife abound.

FACILITIES

Picnicking: Secluded picnic areas have tables, outdoor stoves and toilets.

Fishing: Salt Creek can be fished for large and smallmouth bass, bluegill, sunfish, crappie, channel catfish, bullheads and carp.

Boating: Canoeing on the river is allowed.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Admittance will not be granted groups of 25 or more persons to any state park or conservation area unless permission from the park ranger has been secured to use the facilities. It is also required that groups of minors have adequate supervision and that at least one responsible adult accompany each group not exceeding 15 minors. All pets must be on a leash.

Numerous state parks and memorials are within easy access of every part of the state. Lodges, cabins and dining rooms are important features of Illinois Beach, Starved Rock, Pere Marquette, White Pines Forest and Giant City. Reservations for lodging should be made with lodge managers.

All state parks are open the year round. When weather conditions necessitate the closing of park roads during freezing and thawing periods, access to park facilities is by foot only.

For more details about this site, contact Site Manager, R.R. 3, Lincoln, 62656, Phone 217/735-2424. For information on other Illinois sites, write the Department of Conservation, Information/Education Division, State Office Building, Springfield 62706.



